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Title : SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR MANIPULATING ELECTRONIC

INFORMATION USING A THREE-DIMENSIONAL ICONIC

REPRESENTATION

Preliminary Amendment

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of May 16, 2006, this preliminary amendment is filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.